



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.'" Mark 16: 15-16



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

May 16, 2021 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:

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LIVE-Stream Mass Schedule

The church is CLOSED for in-person masses until further notice. Our LIVE stream mass schedule is as follows:

Weekend

Sunday | 11:30 AM & 7:15 PM

Weekday

Tuesday to Friday | 12:15 PM

We stream through our Facebook page and our website.

Sacraments

- The sacrament of reconciliation is available by appointment only.
- For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

Connect With Us



Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location

Pastoral Centre

440 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1C6

Administrative Centre

20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2

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Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach Coordinator

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

THE "PHYGITAL" CHURCH IS HERE TO STAY

"Forward-thinking pastors realize that the best answer to the question 'Should ministry be digital or physical?' is 'Yes.'" Carey Nieuwhof

It has been an experience like none of the others. Living through this pandemic calls us to creativity, forward-thinking and courage to step into unknown. We must leave nothing undared. It's certainly a call that we, the Oblates, have heard and embraced with passion...

On October 7, 2016 Pope Francis addressed the Oblates gathered at the General Chapter, "The Church, along with the entire world, is experiencing an age of great transformation, in the most diverse of fields. It needs men who carry in their hearts the same love for Jesus Christ that lived in the heart of the young Eugene de Mazenod, and the same unconditional love for the Church, which strives to be an ever more open house. It is important to work for a Church that is for everyone, a Church that is ready to welcome and to accompany! The work to be done in order to achieve all of this is vast; and all of you also have your own specific contribution to offer."

As Missionary Oblates, we recognize that the world "is experiencing an age of great transformation" which calls us to the missionary approach in the modern world. We value the importance of reaching out to those who are unchurched, disconnected with their faith and, in many cases, abandoned by the Church. For example, we witness this every day in downtown Hamilton, ON, Canada where there are so many people living on the fringes of society and the church.



Long before the COVID19 pandemic, we discerned the possibilities of using media as another tool in evangelization. All that the first lockdown did was fast-forwarded our efforts. It's become obvious that

our mission and ministry cannot be limited to physical gatherings. It has to include a digital presence. We must

work towards both a physical and digital – a "phygital" church.

Our live streamed Masses were received with great appreciation and have helped people to stay connected with their parish community. It also allowed us to bring the Gospel message to those who wouldn't hear it otherwise. We've heard a number of testimonies from people who returned to their faith after years of being away. This experience confirmed the importance of the "digital" Church in the current culture.

"I've never attended mass so much in my life. I always say 'out of something bad, something good'. Going to daily mass fills my heart with hope. I am able to pray with others for family, friends, the St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Team and for special intentions. Although I am unable to receive communion, I still feel like a part of a community celebrating Christ. God bless you all for the live stream masses. You've done good far and wide. I've also attended two masses recently however, need to stay home for now. Stay Safe and God Bless." Patricia

The COVID19 pandemic is a complex experience in people's life. There is no way of going back to "normal"; the only way is to move forward. At the moment we have the "stay-at-home" order in Ontario, meaning there is no in-person participation at the Masses. When the churches are re-opened, in-person attendance will still be restricted to a certain percentage of the church's capacity. There will be still elderly and those with compromised immune systems who will not be able to participate in gatherings for health reasons. There will still be people who are overwhelmed by the fear of the pandemic and will not feel safe until their vaccinations are complete. We cannot abandon them! This pandemic isn't over yet and this will affect our lives for a long time to come. The "Phygital" Church is here, and it's here to stay.

By Jarek Pachocki OMI



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Last week, we were contacted by two lovely High School students: Eriana is a grade 11 student and Savana is a grade 10 student, both at St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School. Both Savana & Eriana are involved in giving back to the less fortunate in their community. They hand out sandwiches, snacks and fruit to the homeless in the downtown area, regularly. However, because of the Coronavirus they have been unable to give back in the way they are accustomed to doing. Recently, due to lockdown, they began researching other ways they could do something for those less fortunate during the pandemic and they chose the De Mazenod Door as the intermediary. By donating items to the Door, we could in turn ensure that these same individuals in need of help, would be getting the daily necessary nourishment needed. We know that ideally, this is something that they would like to get back to doing themselves, but in the meantime, we are more than happy to help!

Thank you, ladies, for taking it upon yourselves to reach out and help those in need. You live out the call to love others as Christ loves us!



We thank everyone for their prayers, time, talents and treasures!

Friday BBQ

May 21, 2021

- Catherine Peters, in celebration of her birthday



Ways to Help



Volunteer: Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca



Donate: To support this program, go to our website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca and click GIVE

Most Wanted Items

Large Cans of Fruit Salad



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THE COMMISSIONING OF THE APOSTLES

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus wrote about 2500 years ago, "Nothing is permanent except change." To live is to change. Psychologically, it is important to acknowledge the transition from the old to the new, from the past to the future and from what was, to what is to be. We often use commissioning ceremonies to mark such new beginnings, especially if the changes are planned and intentional. In our liturgical life, this feast of the ascension marks a transition between the resurrection of Christ at Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Now that he was about to leave them (to ascend into heaven) Jesus said to the apostles, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." He thus entrusted them with the task of carrying on his mission.

Jesus has no body now on earth but ours.
He has no hands but ours to feed the hungry.
He has no feet but ours to seek out the lost.
He has no ears but ours to listen to the lonely.
He has no tongue but ours to comfort the sad.
He has no heart but ours to love the unloved.

For Jesus, his ascension was not a journey into outer space, but a journey home. He was returning to the Father. His disappearance into a cloud symbolizes his entry into divine glory. The apostles understood that Jesus' going was connected with the sending of the Spirit, "Unless I go, the Spirit will not come, but if I go, I will send him to you." (John 16:7) This meant that his physical absence was a good thing for the apostles.



This helps us to understand why they all returned to Jerusalem full of joy (Luke 24:52). However, they were also sad because he was leaving them. This ascension is as much about us as it is about Jesus. What happened to Jesus is meant to happen to us too. We too are destined for glory.

In the incarnation, Jesus took our humanity on himself.

In the ascension, that humanity has been taken up and glorified. This means that our humanity is now in the unimaginable light of the presence of God.

The ascension does not imply the Lord's absence from the earth. Rather it represents his liberation from all the restrictions of time and space so that he can be present everywhere on earth. Jesus also didn't hide from the apostles the difficulties and temptations they would have to face. The only assurance Jesus gave them was that he would be with them always. This is why he told them, "I will be with you always, yes to the end of time." (Matthew 28: 20).

Jesus now depends on each one of us to preach the Gospel and to be his witnesses before the world. This is a daunting task but also it is a special and great privilege. The most effective way to preach and to witness to Jesus is by living a good Christian life. We draw strength from our experience that the risen and glorified Christ is with us as he was with the apostles. We are not asked to be successful, only to be faithful witnesses to Christ.

Through baptism we become co-missioned by Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit. Responding to our vocation we carry out the mission that is entrusted to us personally by God. What fosters a deeper and sober response to our vocation involves coming to terms with the vastness of Divine within us. Practicing the contemplative prayer leads to a greater awareness of how present Jesus is in our world through the mystery of Spirit. Silent trusting prayer reduces our distractions from love and helps us gather our heart and mind and soul to actively serve the spread of this Divine Love to all the world.

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WEEKEND READINGS



May 16, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23 or
Ephesians 4:1-13

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20

*"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them,
was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right
hand of God."*

MORE WAYS TO GIVE



As a parish, we are striving to share Christ and His message of love with everyone. One of the main teachings of the Church is the importance of community - we would not be able to progress in our mission without you. Please consider supporting us financially through the following outlets:

1. Drop off or mail your donation envelopes to the secure mailboxes at the:

- Pastoral Center: 440 King St. East, Hamilton ON, L8N 1C6
- Administration Offices: 20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton ON, L8N 2V2

2. Canada Helps

- Please visit stpattickshamilton.ca - at the top right hand corner of the page, you will see a tab to "Give." Hover over it and select "Donate Now" - this will take you to the Canada Helps website.
- Choose to give to the "General" fund. This will go towards supporting the parish.

3. E-transfer

- You can transfer your donation right from your bank account to the parish. Please transfer to parishoffice@stpattickshamilton.ca

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

- This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.
- To set this up, please call our office at 905-522-9828 and ask to speak with Rita or pick up a form at our Administration Office or when you are here for mass.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | May 18
12:15 PM

- Sister Danat & The Sisters of the Felician General Administration

Wednesday | May 19
12:15 PM

- Sevan Atherton
- Harshaben Patel

Thursday | May 20
12:15 PM

- Maria dos Santos Medeiros

Friday | May 21
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sister Mary Rachel, CSSF
- Teresa Dobrowolska

Sunday | May 23
11:30 AM

- Special Int: Donna & Aldo Veltri
- Nicola Cino

7:15 PM

- Michael Kowalczyk
- Special Int: Katharine Bennett
- Special Int: Eamonn Mc Enaney

*Mass Intentions that were requested for Saturdays before the stay-home order will be moved to Weekday and Sunday Masses until further notice. Thank you.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
by St. Augustine of Hippo

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
Amen.

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



May 9, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	-	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	-	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	-	135	101
Sun, 7:15 PM	-	93	48

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



May 9, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$2,762
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$220
E-Transfer	\$70
Canada Helps	\$644
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,310
TOTAL	\$7,006

IN OTHER NEWS



We continue to exceed our goal for the One Heart, One Soul campaign here at St. Patrick Parish! The latest stats are as follows:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total Pledged to date: \$518,140 (103.6% of target)
- 142 pledges to date, 2 new this past week
- 34.1% parishioner participation

Let us continue to work together to build up our parish. We are a mission parish who seeks to serve the last and the least among us. This is not possible without your help. Please consider supporting the mission. Again, the amount is not important. What's important is that your faith has been moved to action.

As always, let us continue to pray for the success of the Campaign for our parish and all of the parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton.

*"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common."
Acts 4: 32*

FEAST OF ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD (MAY 21)

Last year, Oblate Superior General, Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI wrote in a letter on the occasion of the Feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod:

"Two years ago, one of our pre-novices expressed this thought: "The Oblates are not a congregation of the past; it's one of the present and future, and even more so, considering the world today. We were born for times like this." Isn't there a spark of St. Eugene de Mazenod in these words? We were born for times like this: a period of fear, anxiety, confusion, and uncertainty, in which the most abandoned, the poorest, suffer the greatest hardship. And at the same time, a period offering new insights, new possibilities, new challenges, calling us drastically to wake up and care for our common home and its peoples."

Oblates around the world, including the Oblates ministering in this parish: Fr. Tony, Fr. Jarek and Br. Dan; Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton; and all the faithful, mark May 21 as the celebration of the life and legacy of St. Eugene de Mazenod. De Mazenod is the founder of the OMI Congregation and the patron on our De Mazenod Door Outreach ministry here at St. Patrick.'

Please join the Oblates online for the LIVE streamed Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, May 21 at 12:15pm. This mass will be presided by Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI.

Access the LIVE stream at www.facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton or www.stpatrickshamilton.ca



Statue of St. Eugene de Mazenod in the Basilique Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde in Marseille, France.

IN OTHER NEWS

“BEE” FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY



This past Friday, the first hive of bees was welcomed to the De Mazenod Farm! The bees were expertly handled by Corinne and Ruth into their new home and then blessed by Fr. Tony as they begin their work to share in the Farm's mission to feed the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Their arrival was excellently timed as just last week, several fruit trees were donated to the farm. The bees definitely have their work cut out for them!

Check out the video of the arrival and blessing of the bees on our Facebook page (fb.me/stpatrickshamilton)

We ask for your continued prayers as work on the Farm continues. Thank you for your continued support!



STAY-AT-HOME ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED

Ontario's Stay-at-Home order has been extended to last until at least June 2, 2021. This means that the church remains closed for in-person masses. However, we continue to live-stream our daily (Tues-Fri, 12:15 PM) and Sunday (11:30 AM and 7:15 PM) masses. The streams can be accessed via our website (www.stpatrickshamilton.ca) and our Facebook page (fb.me/stpatrickshamilton.ca).

If you have any questions about the sacraments (confession, weddings, baptisms, confirmation, etc.), please feel free to contact the office. Staff is available to answer your calls from Mon-Fri between 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.



#StayHomeStaySafe

IN OTHER NEWS

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL



The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
July 8th to July 16th, 2021

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support?
You can participate in the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

For more information check the website for the Carmelite Nuns:
www.thecarmel.ca



UPCOMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS

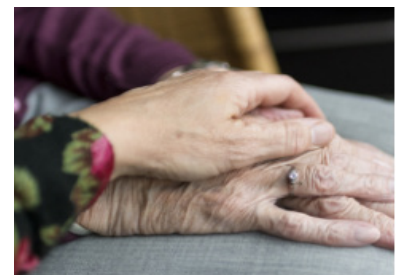


Hamilton Right to Life is happy to share 2 upcoming events:

1. Bill C-7 Information and Discussion re: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Mark your calendar for Thursday, June 17, 2021, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Hamilton Right to Life is partnering with the Hamilton Diocesan Family Ministry Office to speak on who and what Bill C-7 will impact. This will be an online Zoom discussion. Please register through this link:

<https://hamiltonrighttolife.org/event/bill-c-7-who-and-what-will-it-impact/>



2. Halton Alive's 2021 Inspire Hope Campaign: Sidewalk Chalking



Through the Inspire Hope Campaign, Halton Alive is touching the hearts of over 6,500 residents of long-term care, retirement homes and hospice care homes across Halton and Hamilton! Their current initiative is Sidewalk Chalking during June and August, bringing positive messages and drawings on the walkways of the Homes. Sign-up for sidewalk chalking during the month of June and August to help bring hope and engagement to the elderly at the LTC, retirement and hospice care homes:

haltonalive.ca/inspirehope or contact Tawnya Stanus (905-632-3232)